

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 189

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Exchange Club.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should specially recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are comprised of concerned citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its endeavors is the National Exchange Club, which will celebrate its 100th Anniversary on March 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the first Exchange Club (XC) was organized in Detroit, Michigan, in 1911 and, since that auspicious beginning, Exchange Clubs throughout the nation have evinced a commitment to public service that can only be categorized as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the National Exchange Club is a strictly American organization comprised of volunteers who work together in service of Americanism, community service, and youth activities, with child abuse prevention as its national project; and

WHEREAS, with a national reputation for excellence, the Tennessee District Exchange Clubs comprise a total of 39 clubs with 1,200 members; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee District Exchange Clubs sponsor fourteen Child Abuse Prevention Centers and Satellite Centers throughout the state, serving thousands of families in their local communities; and

WHEREAS, the oldest Exchange Club in the District is the XC of Nashville, which was founded in 1921, which was followed by the founding of the XC of Memphis in 1922; and

WHEREAS, seven Tennessee District Presidents have gone on to become National Exchange Club Presidents. These individuals are: E.W. Sprague, John Hood, Fred Harron, Bill Ketron, Ken Roberts, Stewart McClelland, and Jack Pierre; and

WHEREAS, the members of the National Exchange Club take great pride in the rich history of admirable service they have provided, and club members throughout this State endeavor to continue that legacy and noble tradition well into the future; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby join with members of the National Exchange Club in celebrating its 100th Anniversary, commend them on ten decades of exemplary service to their communities, this State, and our Nation, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.